

REMARKS

Claims 1-11, 26-31, 35, and 37-48 are pending. Claims 1, 26, and 38 are independent claims. All claims presently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Applicants' representative thanks Examiner Beamer for the telephonic interviews conducted on January 29, 2010, and February 3, 2010. In the January 29 interview, the Section 112 rejection of the claims was discussed. In the February 3 interview, the Examiner stated that, upon further review, she would withdraw the Section 112 rejection of the claims, and that the claims would be allowed in the next Office Action unless an updated search revealed previously unconsidered prior art that in the Examiner's view read on the claims.

In view of the foregoing, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Therefore, this response is believed to be a complete response to the Office Action.

CONCLUSION

All rejections have been addressed. In view of the above, the presently pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. It is believed that any fees associated with the filing of this paper are identified in an accompanying transmittal. However, if any additional fees are required, they may be charged to Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. 65856-0054, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw. To the extent necessary, a petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) is hereby made, the fee for which should be charged against the aforementioned account.

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